

**REMARKS**

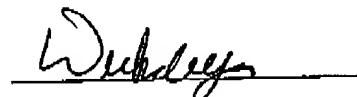
This Supplemental Amendment is being filed to supplement the Response to Office Action filed by Applicants on January 6, 2005. Claims 1, 9 and 17 are being amended herewith to further clarify and distinguish the present invention. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

**II. Conclusion**

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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